

EXECUTIVE SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE STRATEGIC POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Minute of Meeting of the Executive Sub-Committee of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee held in the Committee Room, Fourth Floor, Council Building, 2 High Street, Perth on Wednesday 14 February 2007 at 1.00pm.

Present: Councillors, Miller, A Grant, (substituting for Councillor Doig), MacLellan, Stewart and Wilson.

In Attendance: B Malone (Chief Executive); A R McArthur Executive Director (Corporate Services) (from Item P2); D Roberts Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (up to and including Item P1); T Yule (from Item P2), J Somerville and A Wilson (all Chief Executive's); A McKay, A Nairn and E Sturgeon (all Corporate Services) (from Item P2).

Apology for Absence: Councillor Doig

1. APPOINTMENT OF CONVENER

In the absence of the Convener, the Sub-Committee unanimously agreed that Councillor Miller be appointed to the Chair.

Councillor Miller took the Chair.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest made in terms of the Councillors' Code of Conduct.

IT WAS AGREED THAT THE PUBLIC AND PRESS BE EXCLUDED DURING CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN ORDER TO AVOID THE DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION WHICH WAS EXEMPT IN TERMS OF SCHEDULE 7A TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT, 1973

P1. TOWARDS A MODERN COUNCIL – HOUSING AND COMMUNITY CARE – STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT REVIEW

There was submitted Report 07/135 by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) recommending the appointment from SOLACE Consultants of an Interim Manager – Housing Property Management for an initial three month period.

Resolved:

- (i) The appointment of David Finnegan from SOLACE Enterprises, for a three month period and on the terms detailed in Report 07/135, as Interim Manager, Property Management in Housing and Community Care, be approved;
- (ii) The making of any alterations to the period of the contract be delegated to the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care);
- (iii) The Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) be authorised to conclude the contract for employment with SOLACE Enterprises.

P2. MULTI-AGENCY (FIVE COUNCIL) CONSORTIUM – SHARED SERVICES BUSINESS CASE

There was submitted Report 07/131 by the Executive Director (Corporate Services) (1) updating the Sub-Committee on the business case for the development of a shared services centre serving all five Councils (Clackmannanshire, East Dunbartonshire, Falkirk, Perth and Kinross and Stirling) in the Multi-Agency Shared Services Consortium; and (2) seeking authority from the Sub-Committee to make a further submission for Efficiency and Reform Funding to the National Shared Services Board.

Resolved:

- (i) The progress made in developing a consolidated business case for a Shared Services Organisation on behalf of the consortium be noted;

- (ii) That the consolidation business case now be submitted to the Scottish Executive/ Improvement Service, in line with the conditions attached to the grant of £35,000, be agreed;
- (iii) The support of a bid of £2.243 million to the National Shared Services Board, for the next two phases of the project, be agreed;
- (iv) The consideration of a further bid for the remainder of the £20 million set-up funding, following a review of the pre-implementation work in June 2007, be agreed;
- (v) That the Shared Services Project Board will be reconstituted as the Shared Services Implementation Board and that the Trade Unions will be invited to participate in this Board, be noted.